

ROBINS, MOOSE CHAIRMAN, OUT FOR HUGHES

Announces Allegiance to Republican Party—Says Progressives Are "Dead."

DENOUNCES THE DEMOCRATS

Says Members of His Clan Must Consider Who Offers Mass Drift of Opinion.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Raymond Robins, who was chairman of the Chicago Progressive Convention, today announced his allegiance to Hughes and the Republican party in a 2,500-word statement, denouncing the Democratic party and asserting that the Progressive party is "dead."

He said the 1914 elections had showed Progressives regarded the Progressive candidates of 1912 merely as the representatives of a protest, and that Roosevelt correctly interpreted this in refusing to run in 1916.

It became necessary, therefore, for Progressives to consider which of the old parties offered the best of the "mass drift" of opinion for voters of Progressive tendencies.

CONTROL IN FIFTEEN STATES

"The primary voter mass control of the Democratic party in fifteen Southern and Southwestern States and in the industrial cities of the nation," he asserted. "The fixed Southern control of the Democratic party is individualistic in its thinking, sectional in its sympathies, and inherited tradition against common labor as a service."

"The Democratic primary mass control in the industrial cities is most heterogeneous of our national groups, and the excessive pressure of living and industrial conditions renders it the most fertile field for boss control in the service of selfish personal and corporate interests."

"The primary voter mass control of the Republican party is in the rural communities of the Central, Western, and New England States. This group represents the highest literacy in America."

Robins cited Republican achievements and how Republican-Progressives in New Hampshire, California, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania "broke boss control." He denounced the present Illinois Democracy as being "more completely under control of a corporation boss who represents the worst in our political system, than at any time in twenty years."

Robins detailed a comprehensive general progressive plan of legislation which he approved. He closed with glowing eulogies of Hughes.

At Cross Roads.

Robins' statement continued: "We progressives stand at cross-roads. American socialism, industrial and political life has broken down under the old individualistic control. A new national mind and conscience developing social unity, industrial standardization, efficient political honesty from a self-controlled Democracy—this is the goal of our American life."

"I believe in the character and of the courage of the nominee of the Republican party. He is the most conspicuous example in our history of the possibilities that America has."

4 States Searched

For Missing Youth

Son of Wealthy Manufacturer

Mysteriously Disappears at

Country Club.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 5.—Search for Severn Ker, youthful son of the wealthy president of the Sharon Hoop Company, extended to several States today.

Eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, upper New York, the Thousand Islands, and sections of eastern and Western Pennsylvania are being systematically searched for the young man who suddenly quit a golf match Thursday morning, and completely disappeared.

Col. H. F. Bone, Senator George S. Oliver, and other wealthy friends are organizing the search. Colonel Bone will dispatch a detachment to scour the city.

While they are at the police of Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Inverford, England, and other places where he had vacation engagements will be communicated.

U. S. Asks Carranza to

Release Two Prisoners

The State Department made representations today for release of H. A. Dunn, an American jailed in connection with the recent railroad strike in Mexico, and also for the release of a British subject, named James, who was accused of setting dynamite to the Zepolistas.

Must Have License to Sell "Near-Beer"

Sale of "near beer" in the District without a liquor license from the Excise Board will be prohibited after August 15.

This announcement was made today following a conference between Commissioner Newman, Major Pullman, Superintendent of Police, and Acting Corporation Counsel F. H. Stephens.

Orders were issued to the Police Department and the Corporation Counsel's Office to prosecute on and after that date all persons selling near beer "in violation of the law as interpreted by the Police Court in a recent case."

According to the police there are about 100 places in the District where near beer is sold under an internal revenue license and without a liquor license.

J. HAMILTON LEWIS REPLIES TO HUGHES IN SENATE SPEECH

Charges That Responsibility for Lives Lost in Mexico Rests on Republicans.

On the heads of "generals" of the Republican party like the responsibility for American lives lost in Mexico, Senator James Hamilton Lewis, Democratic "whip," charged today in a sensational Senate speech.

Lewis announced his speech as an answer to the Mexican issue raised by Charles E. Hughes in his acceptance address.

He declared that irresponsible Mexican bandits had become encouraged by the acts of the Republican leaders, in their anxiety to embarrass the President and create a campaign issue, had given the impression that the country was not united in support of its Executive head.

"Generals" Responsible.

"Here this day, I put the responsibility for the death of every American soldier killed on the border of Mexico in 1916 upon the heads of the generals of the Republican party," Lewis declared in opening. "I charge that not until the captains of the Republican party shot at the President of the United States did the Mexican outlaws shoot at the soldiers of the American President."

The Mexican issue, he asserted, had been picked up for purposes of expediency only after the prosperity had made the favorite Republican doctrine, the tariff, impracticable.

"The cry has gone forth, 'Mexico is the issue.' The issue, mind you! Not that there is a principle to be vindicated, justice to be asserted. No! But that Mexico is to be the political issue."

A Mercenary Horde.

"The army is summoned—the mercenary, the concessionaire, the European bond-holder, the mining buccanniers, the land pirates, the pillagers of the peons, the oppressors of liberty and all this procession of blood-tarnished votaries led by the Republican nominee, Charles Evans Hughes."

Mr. Hughes declares that Wilson had nothing to do with the morals of Huerta; that it was the obligation of America.

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Clarendon Robbers Make Safe Getaway

Virginia Authorities Fail to Find

Any Trace of Men Who

Blew Safe.

The Virginia authorities have failed to find any trace of the two men who blew the safe of the Clarendon Lumber and fled without loot yesterday morning.

Sheriff Field of Alexandria county, said this morning he has been unable to find anyone who saw the two men after they disappeared up the road from the postoffice in the direction of Georgetown.

It is believed the men either turned south again after getting out of sight of Clarendon, or cut across country to the east or west.

It is not believed they tarried long in Washington if they came this far. The means Butler's widow will get the larger pension that accompanies the higher rank. Butler's nomination has been confirmed by the Senate before his death, but was to have been effected at a later date.

SENATE PROMOTES

DEAD ARMY OFFICER

Widow of Spennell's Victim Gets

Larger Pension.

The Senate today, by special act, gave the rank of lieutenant colonel to M. C. Butler, killed at Alpine, Tex., by Henry J. Spennell in the double tragedy that also took Mrs. Spennell's life.

The promotion from major was declared effective as of July 1. The means Butler's widow will get the larger pension that accompanies the higher rank. Butler's nomination has been confirmed by the Senate before his death, but was to have been effected at a later date.

BRITISH TAKE SECOND LINE ALONG SOMME

French Repel Desperate German Counter-Blow in Verdun Sector.

TURKS ATTACK NEAR CANAL

Furious Assaults of the Crown Prince Fail to Dislodge French From Fleury.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Capture of second line German trenches on a 2,000-yard front by the British in the Somme region, repulse of desperate German attempts to regain lost ground and drive the French from the Thiaumont positions and Fleury village, and a heavy mobilization of all the Kaiser's reserves in an effort to stem the Russian drive toward Kovel, are reported in the official reports today.

Of equal interest is the official announcement that a strong force of Turks, numbering 14,000, are vainly endeavoring to drive the British from strong positions near Romani back on the Suez canal.

The battle, which started on Thursday night, is continuing with greatest intensity, but so far the Colonials are holding their own and repulsing all attacks.

HAIG AGAIN SCORES.

The big gain registered by General Haig comes after days of heavy artillery preparation, and the troops are reported consolidating their newly won positions.

At the same time the terrific battle around Verdun is still raging. A series of furious attacks launched by the Germans failed to drive the French from Thiaumont and from Fleury village.

Heavy losses are reported among the crown prince's men in their desperate effort to wrest back the offensive they have held for five months and to regain the ground taken by the French in their brilliant attacks of the last few days.

British Dent Second German Battle Line

Capture Positions on Front More

Than Mile Long, North

of Pozieres.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—German second-line positions on a front of more than 2,000 yards north of Pozieres were captured by the British in a resumption of the Somme offensive last night, General Haig reported to the war office this afternoon.

Several hundred prisoners were taken.

GERMANS TO LAUNCH BIG OFFENSIVE IN EAST

Are Massing Troops and Guns for

Counter Russian Drive.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—The Germans are massing troops and guns on the eastern front for a great counter-offensive under Von Hindenburg to stem the Russian advance against Kovel and Lemberg.

This news was received here from several points today, and was partly confirmed in dispatches from Berlin. For several days troop-trains have been leaving Berlin daily, carrying reserves to the eastern front. Berlin believes the crisis of the war is approaching on the eastern front, and for this reason great crowds are gathering daily to bid the departing troops farewell.

Field Marshal von Mackensen, who inaugurated the great German offensive against the Russians a year ago, has joined Von Hindenburg on the eastern front. The Austrian crown prince, recently on the Italian front, has assumed command.

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MORE MILEAGE FOR DISCHARGED TROOPS

Travel Allowance for Militiamen

Found Inadequate.

In view of the inadequacy of the travel allowance for militiamen returning to their homes, especially those from the California regiments, the War Department today issued a ruling granting more liberal provision.

At the same time it provided that national guardsmen finishing their three years of active service may be transferred into the three-year reserve class, thus exempting them from continuing longer service beyond the time of the active enlistment.

VIOLENCE STARTS AS 7,000 N. Y. CAR MEN QUIT WORK



THEODORE P. SHONTS,
President of New York Railways Company.

BOILER BURSTS ON ERIE ENGINE; TWO KILLED, MANY HURT

Train Speeding to Make Up Time When Locomotive Exploded.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 5.—Two men were killed, one seriously injured and many bruised and cut by flying glass, when the engine of Lake Erie and Western passenger train No. 7 blew up seven miles south of here at 10:30 last night. The boiler exploded.

The dead are:
W. J. KINSMAN, forty-seven, engineer of No. 7.
E. E. BIRCH, twenty-eight, of No. 7.

The train was running an hour late at a high rate of speed in an effort to make up time. The boiler let go on a glimmer hill, a long ascent known as a danger spot. Most of the passenger coaches are reported to have been wrecked in the derailment that followed, but none of the passengers were killed.

Railroad officials said Kinsman was hurled through the engine cab bank into a bank twenty-five feet distant. His head was buried in the earth. Brewer's body was found on the opposite side of the tracks 100 feet away. Both bodies were badly mangled. They were brought here with the passengers by a relief train of doctors and nurses that was rushed to the scene of the accident.

U. S. Ship Offered To Mexican Envoys

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 5.—It was reported on good authority today that the United States has offered to send a warship to Vera Cruz to convey the Mexican commissioners to the Mexican-American conference.

The offer was made, it was stated, because of the frequent sailings from Vera Cruz at present. Whether it will prove acceptable to the Mexican government is not known.

Persistent rumors are in circulation that an important change in the Carranza cabinet is impending. General Pablo Gonzalez has arrived here, presumably to confer with the Mexican commissioners before they leave.

GERMANS REPELLED IN FURIOUS ATTACK

French Hold Line at Every Point

Against Desperate Counter-

Attacks.

PARIS, Aug. 5.—The Germans attacked furiously on the Verdun front throughout last night in violent attempts to recapture Thiaumont work and to drive the French from Fleury.

The war office announced today that the German counter-assaults were checked with heavy losses.

The Germans launched a particularly heavy attack against Thiaumont works at 9 o'clock last night after a violent bombardment along the Thiaumont-Fleury front. The action continued until early this morning.

"Every enemy attempt was repulsed," said an official dispatch. "The Germans did not gain an inch, though they suffered heavy losses. In Fleury village the situation remains unchanged despite heavy fighting."



ARTHUR WOODS,
Police Commissioner of New York.

SENATE TO CONFIRM "CY" CUMMINGS ON D. C. EXCISE BOARD

Senator Jones Withdraws Opposition to Confirmation of Maryland Nominee.

Andrew J. Cummings, known as "Cy," will be confirmed by the Senate as member of the excise board of the District to succeed Gen. Robert G. Smith.

This was practically settled today when Senator Jones of Washington, who has been holding up the confirmation, announced in the open Senate that he would not oppose Cummings further.

Senator Jones a short time ago said certain charges had been brought to his attention. If sustained, they would demonstrate that Cummings was an unfit appointee.

Today Senator Jones said that the persons who had made certain allegations to him had not backed them up with adequate evidence. He made it plain he would not further oppose confirmation. He said Mr. Cummings had assured him he would strictly enforce the law as a member of the excise board.

Jones Abandons Opposition.

Senator Jones said: "Mr. President, a few days ago I discussed the excise conditions of the District of Columbia. I stated that some charges had been made against Mr. Cummings who had been lately appointed by the President as a member of the excise board and that if those charges were true they were sufficient to warrant his rejection by the Senate. Such investigation as has been possible has been made and the results of the investigation have not furnished ample evidence of the truth of the charges; at least not sufficient to warrant further opposition to his confirmation, as I do not think the Senate would reject him upon the evidence available."

Mr. Cummings is the sort of man who I think ought to have been nominated for this position, but under the circumstances I feel that further opposition would not be justified."

"Furthermore, Mr. Cummings has made every assurance that a man could make that in the administration of this law he will administer the spirit and letter of it in the interest of morality, temperance and good citizenship in the District of Columbia."

"For these reasons I shall myself not interpose further objection to his confirmation. I hope he will make good, if there will be no opposition to his appointment. If he doesn't make good, it will be his own fault, and if his course does not meet with the approval of the moral forces of this District, he alone will be to blame."

The fact that Senator Jones has abandoned opposition is looked on by the friends of Mr. Cummings as meaning he will be confirmed. Senator Jones' announcement came today rather unexpectedly. In view of the telegram the Senator gave out yesterday from W. H. Anderson, former superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, Mr. Anderson charged that while in the Maryland legislature Cummings lined up with the prohibitionists most of the time in order to defeat them in a crisis.

OSBORNE MENTIONED FOR GOVERNOR IN N. Y.

Warden of Sing Sing May Run on

Democratic Ticket.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Thomas M. Osborne, warden of Sing Sing prison, was seriously discussed as a possibility for the Democratic nomination for governor at a conference here, in which Charles F. Murphy and his up-State allies took part.

Mr. Osborne's name came up before the conference after Senator Robert Wagner, whose nomination had been agreed on, made a pathetic plea that he be eliminated as a candidate.

The same group of Democratic leaders took part in yesterday's confab, and the up-State men especially were reluctant to head Senator Wagner's plea.

Nevertheless, when he told the conference that loyal organization men that he was, he did not resist the job of being sacrificed. Mr. Osborne's name was brought into the discussion.

OSBORNE MENTIONED FOR GOVERNOR IN N. Y.

RIOTING MARKS EARLY HOURS OF BIG STRIKE

"Sympathy Folk" on East Side Sit on Tracks and Block Cars.

WORKERS TAKE NO PART

Six Boroughs Tied Up and Two and a Half Million Persons Affected By Dispute.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Incipient rioting and hundreds of acts of petty violence marked the opening today of the latest development in the biggest street car strike in the history of America's greatest city.

After the first few riotous gatherings of strikers were disbursed by the police, however, New York waited to see how tight the tie-up would be.

Walk-outs by men of the New York Railways Company and the New York and Queens county lines, which began shortly before midnight, brought the total number of companies affected up to six in Yonkers, Westchester, Flushing, White Plains, the Bronx, and Manhattan.

Two and a half million passengers ride on these lines daily. Nearly 7,000 motormen and conductors out of a total of nearly 15,000 have struck.

TROUBLE IN EAST SIDE.

Greatest trouble in operating the few cars running was experienced in the heart of the crowded East Side, where many of the strikers live. On Essex, Delancy, Clinton, and Grand streets and sections of the Bowery, enormous crowds of women, boys, men, and even little girls poured out of close-bulldozed tenements and swarmed to the streets and tracks.

These crowds carried chairs, stools, buckets, and all kinds of portable furniture. At times it was necessary for cars to stop thirty minutes before police reserves could push and shove a passageway through the mob, which remained orderly and quiet in most instances.

Occasionally, however, a car loaded with passengers would slow down literally against the crowds, and suddenly a bucket of garbage or over-ripe fruit would be thrown from a window into the car.

It was impossible to distinguish bona fide passengers from strike sympathizers, and often times the clearing of cars strike-breaking motormen and conductors were shoved to the street and temporarily swallowed up in the jam.

Strikers Not Present.

As far as police could determine no strikers were present. To all appearances the crowds are composed wholly of "sympathy folk."

Somewhat similar scenes were enacted at Fifty-third and Broadway, in the heart of the automobile and theatrical districts.

Big crowds gathered there on foot, impeding many a well-known stage star hurrying to rehearsal. At one time several hundred trucks and cars were blocked in an inextricable conglomeration which stopped service for long periods.

The situation grew more ominous today, when it became known that 500 guards and ticket-sellers employed on subways and elevated roads met in secret session to formulate demands to be presented to the companies Monday.

Spread of the strike to Staten Island was expected hourly. When men on lines there go out, and it seemed inevitable today that they would, the strike will have been carried to every surface line in Greater New York.

The usual charges and counter-charges of hiring of thugs of responsibility for inciting violence were being flung back and forth between company and union officials today.

President Shonts of the New York city or "green car lines," issued a statement charging one of the strike leaders with being a known dynamiter.

Shonts declared the man was connected with the bomb outrage during the recent San Francisco preparedness parade. Union leaders denied the charge.

Police Are Ready.

Police arrangements have been completed, with flying strike squads as the important unit of the force. Police Commissioner Woods said today he anticipated no necessity for calling on Governor Whitman for troops.

Big firms whose employees are multitudes, were using autos today to transport their workers. Options on